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**TOP-NOTCH ENTERTAINMENT WILL PERFORM AT GLENDALE  
GLITTER & GLOW BLOCK PARTY ON JANUARY 9**  
*Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party Welcomes College Football Fans*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Glendale’s highest-attended one-day event, the Glendale Glitter and Glow Block Party, will be held this year on College Football Playoff Weekend, Jan. 9, from 4-10 p.m. with holiday lights, hot air balloons and stellar entertainment.

*Glitter and Glow* offers 1.5 million lights across 16 blocks of the historic downtown Glendale setting, beautifully enhanced by 20 glowing, tethered hot air balloons. This year, to amp up the party even more, we’ve added 15 bands including three nationally-known tribute bands! The bands and performance times are:

- **4 p.m.** – Apple, a fan-favorite tribute to The Beatles
- **6:30 p.m.** - Neon Circus, a live, authentic tribute to country music’s most legendary duo, Brooks & Dunn. *With a 20-year career and more than 30 million albums, every country music love has a Brooks & Dunn album in their collection!*
- **8:30 p.m.** - Bluffett & the Son of a Sailor Band features Larry Pearson in a tribute to Jimmy Buffett. *A longtime Parrothead, Pearson was so infatuated with the music and persona of Jimmy Buffett that he became a musician. After touring and performing for years, he was told by so many that he sounded and looked like his idol, so he dedicated his career to emulating Buffett and formed the band that exists now. Playing around the country for the past ten years, Parrotheads enjoy the performances because Bluffett takes on the atmosphere of a genuine Buffett concert, right down to the audience participation and energy that goes with it.*

Another entertainment element of the festival will be a performance art group entitled Vessel, performing between 5:30 and 7 p.m. and 8 and 9:30 p.m. “Aurora: Painted Night Desert” by Vessel will subtly illuminate the urban environment with figures inspired by desert colors—sage green, agave blue and desert rose—wandering with hand-held projectors covering the surfaces of the Glendale’s historic downtown with images of the painted desert.

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It will create a moving art gallery of sorts with atmospheric performance. The effect will be surreal and striking moving amongst the lights and balloons. The concept, costume design and construction is created by Rachel Bowditch, Vessel's artistic director and Associate Professor in the School of Film, Dance, and Theatre in the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at ASU.

To welcome football fans, with the Glitter & Glow Block Party falling on the weekend prior to the College Football Playoff game taking place in Glendale on Jan. 11, the area will be decorated with the two teams' colors and a variety of football and sports-themed games and inflatables will be offered.

Finally, another highlight of the festival this year will be a tour stop from Les Paul's Big Sound Experience. In honor of what would be Les Paul's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2015, the Les Paul Foundation is sharing his creativity, innovative spirit and love of sound in an intriguing mobile exhibit. Visitors will be able to immerse themselves in the recording wizardry of the father of modern music, listen to his music, record their own sounds and share with friends, take a photo with Les, see how the solid body electric guitar got its start and more. Admission to the exhibit is free, and will be offered during the hours of the event, 4-10 p.m.

Admission to Glitter & Glow is free and free parking shuttles are available from Glendale Community College, at 59<sup>th</sup> and Olive avenues. Shuttles pick up from the northeast parking lots of the college, accessing from 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Vogel, and the last shuttle will leave downtown Glendale at 10:15. Event attendees will also have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, both of which are accessible from 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Glenn Drive.

Glendale Glitter & Glow is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, and sponsored by Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Arizona\*, SRP, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, the Arizona Republic, Monster Energy Drinks, Cerreta's, ABC-15, KOOL, KMLE, Live 101.5, Diamond Resorts, Glendale Community College, Camelback Ranch-Glendale and Sedona Pines.

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